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ATTENTION EDITORS, REPORTERS, NEWS DIRECTORS:

NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

RALEIGH – The New Century Scholars Advisory Committee will meet <u>TODAY (Apr. 18) at 6:00 p.m. at</u> the Balsam Mountain Inn (68 Seven Springs Dr.) in Waynesville.

The New Century Scholars program provides the assistance and support needed to create greater access to post secondary educational opportunities for students in Western North Carolina. The New Century Scholars Program was developed by Southwestern Community College (SCC) and currently operates in Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties. It is a partnership among SCC, Jackson, Macon and Swain county school systems, Western Carolina University, and the civic and business communities in the three counties.

The Governor's Office is working with SCC to replicate and expand this program in other parts of Western North Carolina. The program is currently providing access to higher education to over 700 participants.

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